

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 10, 2007

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2007–08 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 971

Introduced by Assembly Member Portantino

February 22, 2007

An act to ~~amend Section 65915 of the Government Code~~ add Chapter 14.7 (commencing with Section 50870) to Part 2 of Division 31 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to housing.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 971, as amended, Portantino. Housing: ~~density bonuses~~. *Affordable Housing for School Employees Pilot Program.*

The Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2006 authorizes the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$2,850,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law and requires \$100,000,000 of the proceeds from the sale of these bonds to be deposited to the Affordable Housing Innovation Fund, to be administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development and expended for competitive grants or loans to sponsoring entities that develop, own, lend, or invest in affordable housing and used to create pilot programs to demonstrate innovative, cost-saving approaches to creating or preserving affordable housing.

This bill would establish the Affordable Housing for School Employees Pilot Program for the purpose of assisting school districts recruit and retain school employees by making affordable housing available to those employees. The Department of Housing and Community Development would be required to administer the program, make grants available to school districts from funds appropriated for this purpose, establish competitive criteria to use in the selection of grant applicants,

and establish per-project limits on the amount of grant funding a school district may receive. The bill would authorize a school district to apply for a grant of funds to be expended for all development costs associated with constructing affordable workforce housing for school district employees on surplus school district property.

~~The Planning and Zoning Law requires, when a developer of housing proposes a housing development within the jurisdiction of the local government, the city, county, or city and county to provide the developer with a density bonus and other incentives or concessions for the production of lower income housing units or the donation of land within the development if the developer meets certain requirements.~~

~~This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to these provisions.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~-yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 *SECTION 1. Chapter 14.7 (commencing with Section 50870)*
2 *is added to Part 2 of Division 31 of the Health and Safety Code,*
3 *to read:*

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5 *CHAPTER 14.7. AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR SCHOOL EMPLOYEES*
6 *PILOT PROGRAM*
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8 50870. *There is hereby established the Affordable Housing for*
9 *School Employees Pilot Program for the purpose of assisting*
10 *school districts to recruit and retain school employees by making*
11 *affordable housing available to those employees.*

12 50871. (a) *The department shall administer the program and*
13 *shall make grants available to school districts as provided in this*
14 *chapter from funds appropriated for this purpose in the Affordable*
15 *Housing Innovation Fund created by subparagraph (F) of*
16 *paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of Section 53545.*

17 (b) *The department shall establish competitive criteria to use*
18 *in the selection of grant applicants.*

19 (c) *The department shall establish per-project limits on the*
20 *amount of grant funding a school district may receive.*

21 50872. *A school district may apply to the department for a*
22 *grant of funds to be expended for all development costs associated*

1 *with constructing affordable workforce housing for school district*
2 *employees on surplus school district property.*
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5 **All matter omitted in this version of the bill**
6 **appears in the bill as introduced in the**
7 **Assembly, February 22, 2007 (JR11)**
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